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SUBJECT: Poland: Telephone Call to Waldheim

We have agreement from our allies to call for an urgent meeting of the Security Council in the event of an invasion of Poland by the Soviets. USUN has discussed with the British and French a division of labor for obtaining broad support for an urgent meeting. Waldheim has the authority under Article 99 of the Charter to call the Council into session and it would be advantageous if he would do so. From the standpoint of our interests, however, it is more important that the Council meet without delay. The purpose of your call to Waldheim is to alert him to latest developments and to gain his cooperation in involving the Council urgently.

TALKING POINTS

-- I WANT TO ALERT YOU TO THE FACT THAT OUR INTELLIGENCE INDICATES SOVIET TROOP MOVEMENTS INTO POLAND. AN INVASION APPEARS TO BE IMMINENT.

-- THE SECURITY COUNCIL MUST BE CALLED INTO SESSION IMMEDIATELY. I CANNOT OVEREMPHASIZE THE GRAVITY OF THE THREAT TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. THE COUNCIL MUST EXERCISE ITS CHARTER OBLIGATIONS AND TAKE FIRM ACTION.

-- THE SITUATION WARRANTS YOUR CALLING THE COUNCIL INTO SESSION UNDER THE RESPONSIBILITY GIVEN YOU BY ARTICLE 99 OF THE UN CHARTER. WE AND OUR ALLIES ARE, HOWEVER, PREPARED TO DO SO IMMEDIATELY ON OUR OWN INITIATIVE.

-- THE SOVIETS MUST BE MADE TO PAY THE PRICE OF THEIR INVASION THROUGH A STRONG INTERNATIONAL CONDEMNATION. IF THEY ARE ALLOWED TO GET AWAY WITH THIS INVASION WITHOUT IMMEDIATE AND STRONG INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE, IT WILL BE MORE DIFFICULT TO MAKE THEM CEASE THEIR MILITARY ACTION AGAINST POLAND AND, FOR THAT MATTER, TO GET THEM OUT OF AFGHANISTAN.

-- I HOPE YOU WILL USE ALL THE AUTHORITY AT YOUR COMMAND TO PRESS FOR AN END TO THE INVASION AND AN IMMEDIATE SOVIET TROOP WITHDRAWAL. A STRONG PUBLIC STATEMENT BY YOU AT THIS POINT WILL BE HELPFUL.

-- A REFUGEES SITUATION MAY ALSO DEVELOP QUICKLY. I HOPE YOU AND UNHCR HARTLING WILL ENSURE THAT THE UN MACHINERY IS READY TO COPE WITH THIS QUICKLY.

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-- I WILL BE TRAVELING TO BRUSSELS FOR AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL WHERE WE WILL DECIDE ON A LIST OF PROPOSED MEASURES TO DEAL WITH THE POLISH SITUATION. IN CONCERT WITH OUR ALLIES AND LIKE-MINDED COUNTRIES, WE WILL BE TAKING OTHER ACTIONS OUTSIDE THE COUNCIL TO PRESSURE THE SOVIETS TO WITHDRAW. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED AND STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH.

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